

# Press Release



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## **Free State Park Entrance on Military Appreciation Day**

In honor of the nation's service men and women, the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department will host a Military Appreciation Day on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29. The regular \$5 per vehicle park entrance fee will be waived for all day users at North Dakota state parks.

State parks hosting Military Appreciation Day include Beaver Lake (Napoleon), Cross Ranch (Center), Ft. Abraham Lincoln (Mandan), Ft. Ransom (Ft. Ransom), Ft. Stevenson (Garrison), Grahams Island (Devils Lake), Icelandic (Cavalier), Lake Metigoshe (Bottineau), Lake Sakakawea (Pick City), Lewis & Clark (Williston), Little Missouri (Killdeer), Sully Creek (Medora), and Turtle River (Arvilla).

"Hosting a free day in the parks is our way of saying 'thanks' for the sacrifices the nation's armed forces have made, both past and present," says Doug Prchal, director of the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department. "We hope everyone will take this opportunity to pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the outdoors at our facilities this Memorial Day."

"We especially want to dedicate this day to all members of the North Dakota National Guard, reserve units and active duty personnel who have been deployed here in the U.S. and abroad in the global war on terrorism," Prchal adds.

Camping fees are still required for overnight park use.

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*Play in our backyard!*